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SUBJ: CANADIAN REQUEST TO POSTPONE UN CRIME PREVENTION CONGRESS

REF: USUN 3446 (NOTAL)

1. AT COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES MEETING JULY 29 SEVERAL DELS SPOKE OUT STRONGLY AGAINST CANADIAN REQUEST TO POSTPONE CRIME PREVENTION CONGRESS. COMMITTEE WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION AT ITS NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON JULY 30.

2. ALGERIA, EGYPT, TUNISIA, INDIA, YUGOSLAVIA, BELGIUM, AND FRANCE OPPOSED CANADIAN REQUEST. ARAB DELS, INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA WERE ESPECIALLY CRITICAL AND ACCUSED CANADA OF MAKING A POLITICAL JUDGMENT WHICH IF FOLLOWED BY HOSTS FOR OTHER CONFERENCES WOULD CAUSE BREAKDOWN IN UN SYSTEM. ALGERIA WAS HARSHEST, SAID GOC DECISION RESULTED FROM PRESSURES FROM "YOU KNOW WHOM" AND SUGGESTED THAT GOC PAY THE EXTRA COST OF HOLDING THE CONGRESS ELSEWHERE THIS YEAR. ALL SEVEN SPEAKERS URGED THAT MEETING BE HELD ON SCHEDULE AT GENEVA; ALGERIA ALSO MENTIONED VIENNA AS A POSSIBILITY, AND AUSTRIAN DEL AGREED TO ASK HIS

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GOVT URGENTLY WHETHER IT WISHED TO ISSUE AN INVITATION.

3. CANADA RECEIVED NO NEW SUPPORT IN THE COMMITTEE. UK, ALTHOUGH IT HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO FAVOR CANADIAN REQUEST, DID NOT SPEAK UP. CANADIAN DEL REHASHED SOME OF HIS ARGUMENTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, AND PINPOINTED TWO WEEK PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 28, 1976 AS BEST DATE FOR CONGRESS. MUELLER, UN CRIME PREVENTION OFFICIAL, SAID THAT DISRUPTION OF REPORTING CYCLE WOULD BE MINIMIZED IF CONGRESS COULD BE HELD BY THEN.

4. RUTLEDGE OF UN CONFERENCE SERVICES ESTIMATED TOTAL EXTRA COST TO UN OF HOLDING CONGRESS AT GENEVA RATHER THAN TORONTO AT \$170,000 THOUGH THIS COULD CONCEIVABLY BE SHAVED BY AS MUCH AS \$20,000. HE THOUGHT VIENNA WOULD BE IN SAME BALL PARK. IN ANY CASE, AS SOVIET DEL LATER POINTED OUT, GOA WOULD HAVE TO PICK UP ANY EXCESS OF VIENNA OVER GENEVA.

5. COMMENT: IN SEEMS EVIDENT THAT CANADIANS WILL NOT TRY TO FIND A WAY TO WITHDRAW THEIR REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT AS GRACEFULLY AS POSSIBLE, AND ACQUIESCE IN THE CONGRESS BEING HELD IN GENEVA OR VIENNA.

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